

Abstract

A manipulative toy is provided comprising a body and a plurality of interchangeable appendages, such as arms, legs, heads, tails and wings, ~~said appendages being~~ removably attachable to the body at certain predefined coupling points using ~~by means of~~ complementary magnetic elements disposed within both ~~said~~ the appendages and ~~said~~ the body. ~~Said~~ The appendages are retained in place by ~~means of~~ the interaction between two sets of complementary ribbed elements disposed on both the body and the appendages about ~~said~~ the magnetic elements, which complementary ribbed elements are formed in a beveled configuration. The configuration of these ribbed elements, in combination with attractive force of the complementary magnetic elements and the frictional engagement of the complementary ribs, limits the appendages from moving rotationally about the point of attachment, and limits the movement of the appendage in the plane of the point of attachment, thereby allowing the manipulative toy to be posed by a user and retain its position.